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LABORATORY REIMBURSEMENT RATE UPDATE

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- **Reduction in reimbursement rates for laboratory services**

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reduce reimbursement rates for laboratory services to 80% of the most current Medicare allowed laboratory rates.

The MHD's current Laboratory Fee Schedules are posted on the Fee-For-Service [provider's page](#) under Fee Schedules and Rate Lists. The rates listed on both the [Outpatient Hospital Lab Fee Schedule](#) and the [Independent Lab Fee Schedules](#) will reflect this change.

The Outpatient Hospital Lab Fee Schedule will be updated annually. The Independent Lab Fee Schedule will be updated annually but may be updated more often.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896